

October 27, 2025

The Wheeler County Commissioners Court met in Regular Session on the above date at 9:00 am to consider the below listed agenda items. Members present were: Judge McDowell, Commissioners May Jr, Gaines and Gaither Sr. Commissioner Walker was absent. Also attending were: Margaret Dorman-Clerk of the Court; Cindy Brown-Tax Collector; Sherri Jones-District Clerk; Renee Warren-County Treasurer; Leslie Timmons-County Attorney; Tyler Kincaid and Hobbie Hill-Sheriff Department; Rick Walden-JP #1; Jeff Shortnacy-Constable #2; Kimberly Morgan-Tax Appraiser; Louis Stas; Brenda Sparlin; and Chalone Hefley.

Court was called to order by Judge McDowell and then Jackie Don May Jr offered the opening prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Trostle met with the Court to present an update on the Crime Stoppers organization. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors and had attended a meeting in Odessa with Joe McQuay. He also mentioned that Ken King would be in Wheeler on October 30, 2025 for a town hall meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF FEE REPORTS

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to accept the County Treasurers Claim report covering the period of October 15, 2025 through October 23, 2025 and totaling \$236,171.18. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPENSATORY TIME BALANCES APPROVED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the Compensatory time balances as presented for the period ending October 25, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

No action needed.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

No action needed.

LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

No action needed.

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No action taken.

JUDGES REPORT

Judge McDowell reported that he had recently attended the following meetings: Gray County Commissioners Court Tax Abatement Hearing; OneOk's Emergency Management table top safety exercise in Wheeler; Energy Transfers Emergency Management Plans for the 3 gas plants in Wheeler conducted by their safety engineers and the PRPC monthly board meeting on October 23, 2025.

Margaret Dorman, County Clerk, also reported at this time the status of voter turnout for the 3 Elections in the county currently having Early Voting. The turnout is very low, for all elections.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None were offered

SO-INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH POTTER COUNTY-FLOCK SAFETY CAMERAS-PANHANDLE AUTO BURGLARY & THEFT UNIT

Tyler Kincaid, Chief Deputy, met with the Court to give information concerning an Interlocal Agreement with Potter County for Flock Safety Cameras through the Panhandle Auto Burglary & Theft Unit for 11 LPR Cameras in the amount of \$378,200.00 with Wheeler County portion of the cost being \$7,530.00 from the Asset Forfeiture funds.

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Potter County for the Flock Safety Cameras and approve the expenditure from the Asset Forfeiture Fund in the amount of \$7,530.00. The term of the agreement will be September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-MULTIPLE USE AGREEMENT FOR LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERA SYSTEM-TxDot

Tyler Kincaid, Chief Deputy, met with the Court to give information concerning an Agreement for installation of license plate readers in Wheeler County with Texas Department of Transportation.

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve a Multiple Use Agreement with TxDot for a license plate recognition camera system in Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

SO-RESOLUTION APPROVED FOR INSTALLATION OF LICENSE PLATE READERS IN WHEELER COUNTY

Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve a resolution approving the installation of license plate readers in Wheeler County. Motion carried unanimously.

CA-AUTHORIZED PERSON DESIGNATED TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT PURDUE AND SECONDARY MANUFACTURERS SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS TO RUBRIS-Nichole Mock, County Auditor

Judge McDowell made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to designate Nichole Mock as the designated person to sign documents concerning settlement participation forms to Rubris for Opioid Settlements. Motion carried unanimously.

CA-CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FOR STEVE BONDS-Investigator

Leslie Timmons, County Attorney, met with the Court to request that the criminal investigator, Steve Bonds be issued a county credit card. After discussion, Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to table the action until the next court meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

NICHOLE MOCK-PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND APPROVAL-County Auditor

After discussion, Cecil Gaither Sr made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to table the action until the next Commissioners Court meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TAC-HEBP INSURANCE IN NETWORK PROVIDERS UPDATE

Renee Warren, County Treasurer informed the court that there could be possible changes to the TAC HEBP insurance in-network providers, both hospital and physicians, and pharmacies, effective December 1, 2025. No action taken.

APPROVAL OF FY 24-25 PUBLIC FUNDS INVESTMENT REPORT

Renee Warren, County Treasurer, presented the FY 24-25 Public Funds Investment report reflecting the 4th quarter interest income as \$162,633.29 and a total of \$767,535.26. Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the FY 24-25 Public Funds Investment Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TIDC INDIGENT DEFENSE EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR FY 2025 APPROVED

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to approve the TIDC Indigent Defense Expenditure Report for the fiscal year 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Jackie Don May Jr made a motion which was seconded by Phillip Gaines to approve the bills for payment and pay accordingly. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Phillip Gaines made a motion which was seconded by Jackie Don May Jr to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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MARGARET DORMAN, COUNTY CLERK  
APPROVED: 11/10/2025

PAT MCDOWELL, COUNTY JUDGE